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Federal Aviation
Administration

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Washington, DC 20591

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Dear Aircraft Owner:

This is the 21st consecutive year that the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has conducted the annual General Aviation/Air Taxi Activity Survey to gather valuable information on the general aviation and air taxi fleet activities. The information collected in the survey is used both by the FAA and the aviation industry to help pinpoint potential safety problems, forecast FAA future work force needs and new requirements for air traffic facilities, and to form the bases for critical research and analysis of general aviation issues

The FAA works closely with general aviation industry groups to make this survey clear, concise, and of maximum usefulness to all interested parties. (Please see the enclosed letter from the various industry associations expressing the importance of the information provided by the survey.)

You are one of about 30,000 aircraft owners selected to participate in the 1998 survey. If you have been selected in previous years, it is because the number of aircraft like yours is small. We, therefore, greatly need your response to further validate our results. Enclosed is a questionnaire requesting information for calendar year 1998. Please read the instructions on the back of this letter, and answer all questions for the aircraft identified on the form.

I urge you to complete the questionnaire and use the enclosed postage paid envelope to mail it in today. Your prompt response will preclude you from receiving follow-up letters and questionnaires during the year. All replies to this questionnaire are held by the FAA in the strictest confidence.

If you have any questions or need further assistance, or if there is any way we can make it easier for you to participate in the survey, please call the following toll-free number: 1-800-373-9040 and one of my staff will answer your questions. If your call is not returned within 24 hours, please contact me at 202-267-3355. You can also e-mail questions or comments to 9-APO-GASURVEY@faa.gov.

The FAA and the general aviation industry thank you for your participation.

Sincerely,

Robert L. Bowles
Manager, Statistics and Forecast Branch

Enclosures

The 1998 General Aviation and Air Taxi Activity Survey

Why does the FAA collect this information?

For the past 21 years, the FAA has conducted this annual sample survey to collect information on the uses of the general aviation fleet. The information that is collected helps the FAA understand more about general aviation activities, assess the impact of general aviation activities on the National Airspace System, and determine the need for increased traffic facilities and services. These data are used by the Federal, state, and local governments, as well as by private industry and individuals, for safety analyses, planning, forecasting, and research & development. We have made a concerted effort to minimize the number of questions we ask while still meeting the needs of government and the public for aviation information.

How does the FAA handle the survey information?

The information aircraft owners have provided for this survey in the past has never been published or released in any form that would reveal specific information reported by an identifiable respondent.

Why was I selected for this survey?

This survey covers general aviation aircraft and air taxis. The survey sample is randomly selected, based upon the FAA Aircraft Registry as of December 31, 1998. The Registry shows you as a registrant of this aircraft on that date. Your aircraft is one of approximately 30,000 general aviation aircraft selected to be surveyed this year. If you have been selected in previous years, it is because the number of aircraft like yours is small. We, therefore, greatly need your response to further validate our results. When more than one of your aircraft is selected, you will receive, under separate cover, a questionnaire for each aircraft. Please answer all questions for the identified aircraft only. If you cannot provide a precise answer to any questions, make your best estimate.

What should I do if...

- ➔ ***If...*** you are no longer in possession of this aircraft but were the registered owner on December 31, 1998, try to answer all the questions. If your aircraft was sold prior to December 31, 1998, ***please forward this mail to the new owner for response.***
- ➔ ***If...*** your aircraft was operated in commercial airline service (FAR Part 121), ***indicate this in question 2 and return the questionnaire to the FAA.***
- ➔ ***If...*** your aircraft, for whatever reason, was not in use during calendar year 1998, answer questions 4, 5, 6, 7 and 17 and return the questionnaire to the FAA. ***The fact that your aircraft was not flown during the year is just as important as the fact that it was flown.***
- ➔ ***If...*** your aircraft was operated primarily by another person or company (e.g., leased), ***please obtain the necessary information from the operator, or forward this mail to the person or firm for response.***
- ➔ ***If...*** your aircraft was stolen, destroyed, lost, donated to an organization, or otherwise not in your possession, ***and you have not yet notified the FAA Aircraft Registry in writing, please do so immediately at the following address :***

**Aircraft Registration Branch, AFS-750
P. O. Box 25504
Oklahoma City, OK 73125**

The signature of the aircraft owner of record is required to make any changes to the aircraft registration record. If you have any questions regarding the registration of your aircraft, please call (405) 954-3116.

- ➔ ***If...*** you wish to fax the survey information to us, our FAX No. is: (202) 267-9636
- ➔ ***If...*** you have a question about the survey, call us on our toll free number: 1-800-373-9040. You can also e-mail us at 9-APO-GASURVEY@faa.gov.